

REMARKS

Claims 1-77 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-77 stand rejected. Claim 31 has been amended herein. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action and to render all claims at issue patentably distinct over the references cited.

Claim 31 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. These rejections are respectfully traversed. The prior amendment was simply misunderstood. Notwithstanding, Claim 31 is being amended herein to further clarify the terminology. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the instant rejections be withdrawn.

The Examiner is thanked for his reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-11. Notwithstanding, all of the other rejections are respectfully traversed as explained in the prior responses. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the remaining substantive rejections are respectfully requested.

In view of the instant amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is requested that the Examiner pass the case to issue at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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